

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 17, 2023

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
 Thurs.—8:30 am Mass

## Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Marriages** – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**Hospitalized Parishioners** – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions:

12/16/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Kazimierz Drewniak (Hania Drewniak)  
 12/21/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Tim Richie (Mark & Sue Richie & Family)  
 12/23/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Clarence Moranski (Family)  
 12/24/23 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Parishioners

**Remember in Prayer** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

## Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/16/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget  
 12/23/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay  
 12/24/23 Sun. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** *General Intention: For persons with disabilities.* We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 866.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 195.00
Retired Religious	\$ 230.00
Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.	

## Prayers for Sick

Debbie Turner, Emma "Mickey" King, Ann Koehler, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Thank you to our CCD students for the wonderful Christmas Program last Saturday. Thankyou to the Confirmation parents and students for the delicious soup and sandwich dinner afterwards. The Nativity Scene Raffle was a success. Thank you to all those who purchased a ticket. The lucky winner of the Nativity Scene this year is Jim and Darlene Steichen.

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

## Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 16 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick  
 Tues., Dec. 19 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)  
 Wed., Dec. 20 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick  
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington  
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman  
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

The Sacrament of Penance is especially important as a way to bring order into our hearts and souls. The Sacrament of Penance is about God's love, His mercy, and the freedom that comes with knowing that your sins are forgiven. The priest-confessor will be happy to give you any help you need in order to make a good confession and receive God's forgiveness. Even if you have no idea what to do or say, the priest is there to help you.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas.

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction." —St. John of the Cross

**My Parish—His Heart—My Home** -My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being All the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

**Thank you** to the volunteers who came to the Mobile Food Truck at St. Lawrence on Monday. We were able to help 125 families. The next Mobile is on Monday, January 22 and is sponsored by St. Lawrence Giving Tree Donors.

Today someone is here for the KC's Annual Tootsie Roll Drive and the Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. \$200.00 early bird for tickets turned in before Dec. 17th. Three \$20 winners drawn each week. One \$50.00 winner each Sunday. A \$100 winner first Sunday of each month. A final drawing up to \$500. Drawings held January through April. Winning tickets each week are returned to the drawing allowing each ticket to have multiple chances of being drawn!



The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is a word that means "rejoice," and we rejoice on *Gaudete* Sunday because we are halfway through Advent. The Pink Candle is lit this week which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming.

